

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

May 29, 2009

John B. Poersch Jr., Treasurer **Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee** 120 Maryland Avenue Ne Washington, DC 20002

Response Due Date: June 29, 2009

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Reference:

September Monthly Report (8/1/08-8/31/08)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action. Additional information is needed for the following 2 items:

- Schedule B of your report discloses a \$25,000 contribution to "Democratic National Committee"; however, a review of the reports filed by this committee does not disclose receipt of this contribution from your Please verify the identity of the recipient committee and provide additional clarifying information.
- Schedule E discloses independent expenditures opposing federal candidates in the Mississippi and North Carolina Senate elections. Schedule F of this report discloses coordinated expenditures on behalf of candidates running in the same races. Under 2 U.S.C. §431(17), an "independent expenditure" is defined as:

... an expenditure by a person expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate; and that is not made in concert or cooperation with or at the request or suggestion of such candidate, the candidate's authorized committee, or their agents, or a political party committee or its agents.

Further, 11 CFR §109.21 outlines the factors which define a coordinated communication. Please verify that the independent expenditures made by your Committee in opposition of Roger Wicker and Ronnie Musgrave meet